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In re application of

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TENSIONER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, cancel "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, cancel "2 or 3".

Claim 5, line 1, cancel "2, 3, or 4".

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, change "one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Add the following new claims:

-7. Tensioner according to Claim 2, characterized in that the conveyor means (3) comprise attachment eyelets (38) for attaching the conveyor means (3) to a main frame element (50).

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